



# PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

## EPA plans air permit for fiber reinforced plastic facility in Wapato, WA

30-day public comment period ends April 10, 2006

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared a draft Clean Air Act non-Title V operating permit for the **AMTECH Corporation** (AMTECH) facility located near Wapato, on the Yakama Reservation.

The AMTECH facility, located on the Yakama Reservation in Yakima County, Washington, manufactures a variety of fiber reinforced plastic products, including covers for industrial machinery and body parts for buses. The main sources of emissions from the facility are the open lamination operations where gelcoat and fiberglass resin are applied to molds to form the products. The facility is not currently considered a major source of volatile organic compounds (VOC) for the purposes of the prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) program. However, a proposed plant expansion, involving expansion of open lamination operations and addition of a spray booth, are likely to trigger PSD permitting. Consequently, in order to remain below PSD permitting thresholds, AMTECH has requested, pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 49.139, a permit that contains an enforceable emission limit to avoid having to obtain a PSD permit. Because the facility is located within the exterior boundaries of the Yakama Reservation and because the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation do not have an EPA-approved permit program to establish enforceable limits, it is EPA's responsibility to issue a non-Title V operating permit to AMTECH.

The draft permit contains the requested emission limit and establishes monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting to assure compliance with those requirements. The conditions of a final permit, if issued, and other Clean Air Act requirements to which the AMTECH facility is or may be subject, such as the Federal Air Rules for Reservations, New Source Performance Standards, National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, will be included in the facility's Title V operating permit.

**How can I get more information?** You can review copies of the draft permit, the "technical support document" (a summary of the proposed permit terms and their effect on emissions), the permit application, and all supporting materials, during regular business hours at:

Yakima Valley Regional Library  
Wapato Branch  
119 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Wapato, WA 98901  
(509) 877-2882

Yakama Nation Library  
Yakama Nation Cultural Center  
Hwy 97 at Fort Road  
Toppenish, WA 98948  
(509) 865-2800, Ext 6

U.S. EPA, Regional Library  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101  
(206) 553-1298

You can also get copies of the draft permit and technical support document from EPA's web site at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/AIRPAGE.NSF/webpage/AMTECH+Permit>, or by contacting EPA's Region 10 Office at the contact information listed below.

**How do I comment on the permit?** Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Written comments must be received by EPA, at the contact address listed below, on or before the end of the comment period. If requested, EPA may extend the public comment period for up to an additional 30 days. Requests to extend the comment period must be received by EPA at the contact address listed below, on or before the end of the comment period.

You should make your comments as specific as possible and include copies of any documents that you reference in your comments (except for generally available reference materials). Failure to comment on the permit during the public comment period could preclude your right to judicial review (appeal) of the final permit.

**Will there be a public hearing?** You have the right to request a public hearing on this draft permit. Requests for a hearing must be received by EPA at the contact address listed below, on or before the end of the comment period and contain your reasons for requesting a hearing. If a public hearing is held, the comment period will be extended through the date of the public hearing.

**Will my comments be considered?** All comments received during the public comment period and public hearing (if one is held) will be considered in making a final decision on the permit. The final permit is a public record that can be obtained on request. The final technical support document will include a response to all comments received during the public comment period.

**How can I see the final permit?** EPA will send the final permit and technical support document to the permittee and to all persons who provided timely comments on the draft permit. The final permit and technical support document will also be made available for a period of 30 days at the three libraries described above.

**For people with disabilities:** Please contact EPA's Region 10 Office at the contact information listed below, before the end of the comment period, if you have any special requests for reasonable accommodations. For TTY users: Please call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**Who do I contact?** Please address all written comments, requests for extension of the comment period, requests for public hearings and other correspondence to Lucita Valiere:

By mail at:           U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10  
                          1200 Sixth Avenue (AWT-107)  
                          Seattle, WA 98101

By e-mail:            [R10-Public\\_Comments@epa.gov](mailto:R10-Public_Comments@epa.gov) (Include "Amtech" in the subject line)

By telephone at:   (800) 424-4372 or (206)-553-8087